

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Complaint on First-Class Mail Service Standards
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Docket No. C2001-3

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REQUESTING EXTENSION OF
DEADLINE FOR FILING OF MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION
(August 5, 2002)

On July 29, 2002, the Presiding Officer issued Ruling No. C2001-3/28, directing the Postal Service to disclose certain district-to-district First-Class Mail time-in-transit scores from its Origin-Destination Information System and equivalent service performance scores from its External First-Class Mail (EXFC) system. In accordance with Rule 32(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Postal Service is required to appeal or seek certification of such a ruling within five days. The Postal Service interprets the rule as requiring that a request for certification be filed no later than today.

The ruling in question raises policy issues that require consultation with senior postal management before the agency's response can be determined. The Postal Service has initiated discussions among departmental representatives with an interest in the issues raised by the ruling. Consultations with some senior managers also have been initiated but, because of focus on this week's Board of Governors meeting, consultations with all interested senior managers are not expected to be completed until some time next week. In order to preserve all available options under Rule 32, the Postal Service hereby respectfully requests that it be given until Friday, August 16, 2002,¹ to file any motion for certification or for reconsideration of the ruling.

¹ By which time it expects to have completed all necessary internal deliberations.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice, I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding.

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